

convenience, the issues raised in the Action of July 18, 2000, Paper number 6 ("the Action") are addressed below in the order presented in the Action.

THE APPLICATION NOW COMPLIES WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES

The Action notes that the application requires a sequence listing and helpfully suggests that the computer readable form (CRF) from parent application USSN 08/650,400 be used. A copy of the parent sequence listing, along with an appropriate request to use the parent CRF is submitted herewith. It is believed that the subject application now meets the sequence listing requirements. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

THE REJECTIONS FOR ALLEGED INDEFINITENESS ARE MOOT

Applicants note that various rejection to claims 1-30 with respect to definiteness under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, do not apply to the new claims. Accordingly, this rejection is believed overcome by the new claims.

THE CLAIMS ARE NOT ANTICIPATED OR RENDERED OBVIOUS BY THE CITED ART

Applicants note that the new claims relate to particular cassette-based recombination formats that are simply not found in any of the references cited as allegedly anticipating or rendering obvious various combinations of original claims 1-30. While Applicants do not concede that claims 1-30 were, in any way, anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited references, the issue is now moot in light of the cancellation of these claims. Applicants, therefore, request that all of the art rejections of record be withdrawn.

THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS ARE MOOT

The Action applied both obviousness-type double patenting and statutory double patenting rejections to claims 1-30. These rejections are overcome by the cancellation of claims 1-30 and submission of the new claims. Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION AND INTERVIEW REQUEST

As noted above, cancellation of claims 1-30 and submission of new claims 31-152 renders moot the rejections of record. In the event that the Examiner believes that any issues of

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substance remain in the present invention, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned for a telephonic Examiner interview.

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